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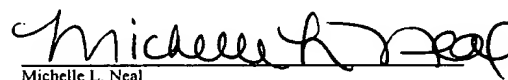
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before the section entitled "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" please add a
section as follows:

- -RELATED APPLICATION

This is a Continuation-In-Part of PCT Application No. PCT/JP00/02728, filed on April
26, 2000- -

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By the present Preliminary Amendment, a Related Application section has been added
to properly identify the related application.

Care has been taken so as to avoid the addition of new matter in the specification, claims
and abstract.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application
is respectfully requested.

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